Proceedings of the Commissioners

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at the County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was published on the county website sheridancounty.ne.gov. The meeting was open to the public and a ZOOM connection was also available. Present were Chairman Bruce Messersmith, Commissioners Dan Kling and James Krotz, County Clerk Sindy Coburn, Assessor Tina Skinner, Treasurer Renee Thies and Road Superintendent Rich Cross.

Acting as the Board of Equalization (BOE) the Commissioners reviewed and approved the July 2023, Over/Under Valued Property List as presented by Assessor Tina Skinner. The list included one overvalued and one undervalued parcel, and clerical error corrections on four parcels.

Bruce Salisbury of Great Plains Communications presented a proposed 38-month service contract for telephone/internet service to the Courthouse. Great Plains offered two months of free service as an incentive to enter a longer-term contract. The BOC voted to approve the contract which sets the monthly recurring charge of \$458.90.

The BOC voted to approve the reappointment of Gary Binger as Chairman of the Veteran's Service Board.

Assessor Tina Skinner presented a request for a \$1350 grant from county ARPA funds to build a customer service desk in her office. The grant was approved.

The BOC approved a six-year contract with Eagle View for pictometry services at \$55,095 per year. These aerial surveys have proven very useful to the Assessor.

Road Superintendent Rich Cross made his weekly report to the Board.

Sheriff Jeff Brewer briefed the Board on emerging trends in local law enforcement.

David Russell and Phyllis Lindsey of the County Ag Society Board presented a detailed financial report on the County Fair Rodeo. The Society intends to submit a tax levy request of \$100,000. The BOC will consider this request when revenue projections are established later this summer.

The BOC adjourned for lunch and re-convened at 1:00 p.m. as the BOE to hear Property Valuation Protests. Seventeen protests were heard during the afternoon.

The next meeting of the BOE and BOC will be Tuesday, July 18. The minutes of this and all meetings of the Board of Commissioners will be available to the public at the office of the Sheridan County Clerk and now are available online at. All meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held in compliance with Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the public is always welcome. Submitted by James Krotz